

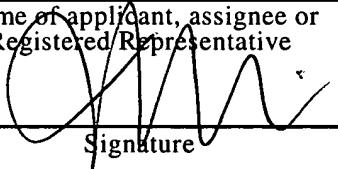
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated June 7, 2005, claims 1-8 were rejected over prior art and claims 9-16 were allowed. Claims 1-8 are being canceled. Allowance is requested.

Enclosed is a copy of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 9-107023 with its machine translation obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website. Also enclosed is Form PTO-1449. I certify that no item of information contained in this Submission was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no such item was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than 30 days prior to the filing of this Submission. The Examiner is requested to review the enclosed reference and make it of record in the Patent Office file.

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